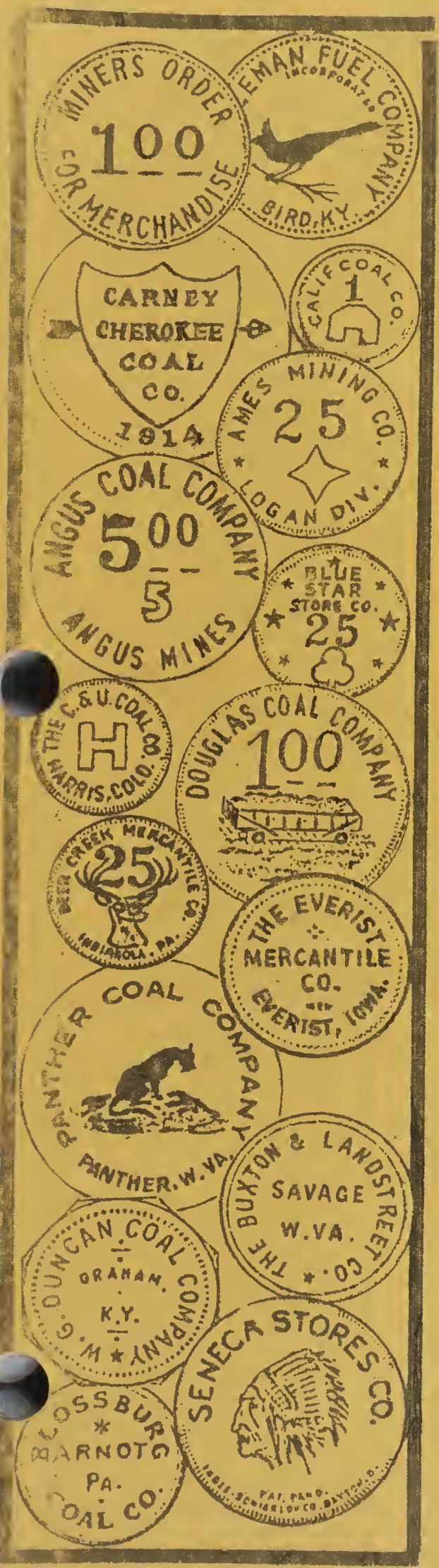
SCRIP TALK



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OCTOBER 7 - 8, 1983

HOLIDAY INN

OAK RIDGE, TENNESSEE

MAKE RESERVATIONS NOW !!

WELCOME THESE NEW MEMBERS

(Names in parens gets membership contest credit !)

1033. B. A. Robison, Jr., Box 351, Joppatowne, MD 21085
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1035. Richard A. Gaetano, 5332 Holiday Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15236 (T. Hitt)
1036. Lloyd Andries, Jr., Box 624, Witt, IL 62094 (T. Hitt)
1037. George R. Haynes, 745 - 26th St., Des Moines, IO 50312 (T. Hitt)
1038. G. William Depfer, 2005 Oakinston St., Baltimore, MD 21211 (T. Hitt)
1039. Henry J. Hinck, 10800 Lakeview Drive, Hayden Lake, ID 83835 (J. Copeland)
1040. Mike Chaet, Box 1156, Helena, MT 59624 (B. Williges)
1041. Richard L. Jimenez, 214 Carol Ave., Idaho Falls, ID 83401
1042. Darell Blevins, Box 3, Princeton, WV 24740 (D. Crotty)
1043. Larry W. Laxton, 113 Smith St., North Tazewell, VA 24630 (D. Whisman)
1044. Ella Mahaffey, 1915 Vineyard St., Bluefield, WV 24701 (D. Elam)
1045. Don Nunley, Box 182, Glouster, OH 45732 (B. Williams)
1046. Gail Redmond, 2921 Pt. Marion Rd., Morgantown, WV 26505 (H. Lee)
1047. Dewey Barker, 822 Overbrook Rd., Charleston, WV 25314 (C. Jenkins)
1048. Rickey N. Bradshaw, Box 103, Tad, WV 25201 (C. Jenkins)
1049. Bruce Davis, 5027 B. Jonquil Drive, Charleston, WV 25306 (C. Jenkins)
1050. C. M. Brown, 5215 MacCorkle Ave. S.E., Charleston, WV 25304 (C. Jenkins)
1051. Vernon Harless, Box 99, Whitesville, WV 25209 (C. Jenkins)
1052. LaVerne B. Maddix, 1404 - 29th Ave., Monroe, WI 53566
1053. Billie K. Woolum, Rt. 2, Box 172 N, Beckley, WV 25801 (H. Snodgress)

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BLANK PAGES HAVE BEEN PROVIDED IN YOUR NEW MEMBERSHIP ROSTER SO THAT ADDITIONAL NEW MEMBER NAMES CAN BE LISTED AS THEY APPEAR IN ISSUES OF THE BULLETIN !!

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THE ABOVE LISTINGS THRU NUMBER 1053 COMPLETE THE BLUEFIELD MEMBERSHIP CONTEST LIST !! THUS, A NEW MEMBERSHIP CONTEST IS NOW UNDERWAY WITH THE WINNER TO BE ANNOUNCED AT THE MAY 1984 CONVENTION IN OAK HILL - FAYETTEVILLE, WV.

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By unanimous vote at Bluefield, annual dues will be $10.00 effective from July 1, 1983... Thus, note this change to avoid correspondence to collect additional money !! Too, remember that any member joining NSCA July 1, 1983 or later in the year will receive the balance of 1983 FREE and will be paid for all of 1984... Thus, $5.00 until July 1st for balance of 1983 -- $10.00 after July 1st for all of 1983 remaining and all of 1984 !!

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NATIONAL SCRIP COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION ★ 1972 ★

NATIONAL SCRIP COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Mail to: Walter Caldwell, Secretary
P. O. Box 29
Fayetteville, West Va. 25840

Name: .....

Address: .....

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Recommended by: .....

.....Annual dues—

The semi-annual GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING of the NATIONAL SCRIP COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION was held on SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 1983, at 1:00 p.m., at the Sheraton Inn, Bluefield, W.Va. President Bill Williams ascertained the presence of a quorum for the transaction of business.

A moment of silence in memory of departed members W. H. King, Belfry, Ky., and David Overton, Seth, W.Va. was observed.

Scriptor Mark Ballard of Illinois opened the meeting with the showing of a movie relating to the last "pony mine". It was an interesting account of how coal was mined in the small mines.

Secretary - Treasurer Walter Caldwell presented the Membership Report and the Treasurer's Report as will be reproduced in the bulletin and as reported at the Executive Committee meeting.

President Williams presented the Gordon Dodrill Membership Award to Charles R. Jenkins, Charleston, W.Va. for securing TEN new members for NSCA. The Ancil Donohoe Award for best article in SCRIP TALK was presented to R. R. Tippy, Oak Ridge, Tenn.

President Williams reported to the membership on the status of the Edkins' catalog and noted that present plans call for release of the book at the Fall 1983 meeting in Oak Ridge, Tenn. He noted that TAMS (Token and Medal Society) had authorized a no interest $5,000. loan to help with the publication costs. Pre-publication information will be announced in SCRIP TALK as soon as plans are finalized.

Following a discussion on membership dues, a motion was unanimously adopted to increase dues to $10.00 to be effective from July 1, 1983. It was noted that special effort will be made to provide at least seven issues per year.

Vice-President C. F. Colley announced that the Fall 1983 meeting would be held at the Holiday Inn, Oak Ridge, Tenn. on October 7 - 8 and the Spring 1984 meeting will be held at the new Holiday Inn, Fayetteville- Oak Hill, W.Va., on May 4 - 5, 1984.

President Williams announced that the Floor Auction on Friday in Bluefield had gross sales of $1204.00 with $280.80 commission to NSCA to apply toward the expense of the Bluefield meeting and publication of the membership roster.

President Williams presented the Fred Lange Outstanding Member Award to R. R. Tippy, Oak Ridge, Tenn. It was noted that the third recipient of the award was one of the founding fathers of NSCA and has served as President of the group. He has also been a winner of the membership recruiting award and has also won the trophy for having had the best article published in SCRIP TALK. He joins Don Edkins and Walt Caldwell as winners of this prestigious award.

Following a report of the Nominating Committee, and following proper motions from the floor, the following were elected for a term of two years as officers of NSCA- PRESIDENT: Tom Hitt, Defiance, Ohio; Vice-Presidents: Crawford Blakeman, Middlesboro, Ky. - John Podgurski, Beckley, W.Va. - and Mark Ballard, Marion, Illinois. Secretary - Treasurer: Walter Caldwell, Fayetteville, W.Va.

President Williams thanked the membership for the fine support that he had received during his term of office and urged the members to give full support and special membership recruiting effort to the new officers. He thanked the members for the most successful Bluefield meeting noting that it has been one of the best meetings ever held by NSCA.

The meeting program featured a special display of and discussion of the 'fantasy' tokens being sold in this area. David Schenkman, Bryans Road, Maryland, - Editor of the TAMS Journal - presented information on how to detect the bogus tokens and noted that an article is featured in the Tams Journal on these tokens. Several NSCA members have paid big prices for these tokens. It was noted that listing of the known items will be included in the bulletin. There being no additional business the meeting was adjourned.

W. F. Williams, President Walter Caldwell, Secretary

A REGULAR MEETING of the Executive Committee of the NATIONAL SCRIP COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION was held on THURSDAY, APRIL 28, 1983 at 9:00 p.m., at the Sheraton Inn, Bluefield, W. Va. All members of the Executive Committee with the exception of John Fliss being present, the President declared the presence of a quorum for the transaction of business.

Following proper motion, Membership numbers 956 thru 1037 were approved.

Secretary - Treasurer Walter Caldwell reported a current membership of 485 with several more in processing. He reported the current bank balance at the Fayette County National Bank, Fayetteville, W. Va. amounts to $1440.38. It was noted that the inventory of unsold NSCA caps, emblems, etc. will increase the balance when sale is made.

There followed a discussion on the annual dues for NSCA. It was noted that the study of estimated costs of production of the bulletin did not meet the current receipts from the auction commission and the allocated portion of the current dues. Following motion, it was recommended to the membership general meeting that the dues be increased to $10.00 per year to be effective from July 1, 1983. Of this amount, the Executive Committee authorized $6.00 per member for the cost of SCRIP TALK publication. It was noted that all members who join NSCA after July 1, 1983 will not owe dues again until January 1, 1985 - the balance of 1983 and all of 1984 to be included for the $10.00 payment.

President Bill Williams announced that the new Membership Roster will be given to all members who register for the Bluefield meeting. The balance of the lists will be mailed to all current members with the next bulletin. Following motion, it was voted to charge $1.00 for extra copies of the roster for members only.

President Williams reported on the current status of Volume 1 of the revised second edition of Edkins' catalog. It was noted that photo copies of the book had been mailed to several members for rarity review of their particular states. As a result of this mailing, an additional 1000 new items have turned up which will necessitate completely reworking the book. President Williams noted that he plans to travel to Framingham, Mass. and spending several days to assist Don in pasting up the edition. Present projection is that Volume One will be available for the Fall 1983 meeting at Oak Ridge, Tenn. It was noted that Don has also completed typing the master copy of the Volume Two (West Virginia) thru the letter S. Additional information on pre-subscription orders, etc. will be made later as final plans for the book are made.

Following proper motion, the Treasurer was authorized to pay the following bills: $35.00 for Bluefield tokens for members; $77.74 for engraving awards for Bluefield meeting; $45.00 for typing membership roster; and $519.19 for printing new membership roster.

Following proper motion, the Secretary was authorized to proceed with plans for having the NSCA logo copyrighted.

Vice-President C. F. Colley announced that plans are complete for the 1983 Fall Meeting to be held at Holiday Inn, Oak Ridge, Tenn., on Oct. 7 and 8. The Spring 1984 meeting will be held at the new Holiday Inn, Fayetteville - Oak Hill W.va., on May 4 and 5.

Preident Williams announced that he will have an NSCA exhibit at the Harlan Ky. Coal Exhibition on June 9 - 11 and that NSCA will probably receive an invitation to again exhibit at the Bluefield, W.Va. coal show this fall.

A discussion was held on the 'fantasy tokens' recently purchased by several NSCA members and it was noted that Dave Schenkman would present information at the general membership meeting on Saturday.

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned.

W. E. Williams, President

Walter Caldwell, Secretary

SCRIP TALK

TID-BITS FROM SCRIP LAND AS TIME AND SPACE PERMITS ..... The recent Bluefield meeting has to rank as one of the finest ever for NSCA. Scriptors from Illinois, Maryland, Tennessee, Kentucky, Ohio, Virginia, North Carolina, West Virginia and other states were on hand !! New officers were elected as will be noted on Page One of the bulletin and a large number of new members were signed. Scriptor Charles Jenkins of Charleston, WV won the membership contest and Scriptor R. R. Tippy was presented the Fred Lange Outstanding Member Award. See full details in the minutes of the meeting in this issue.. ...Steve Ratliff (Free Ad Editor) reminds that his address has changed so send all FREE ADS to his new address as will be noted on the FREE AD pages and also on Page One of the bulletin.... Incidentally, Steve notes that all FREE ADS are published as they come in largely. Occasionally an ad is received right after the deadline and this causes it to be delayed until the next issue. Steve sends all FREE ADS to me by the date of the closing of the Mail Auction Sale in each issue. Thus, if he gets it late - it will not appear until the next issue....Steve also notes that he has acquired a set of Diamond Coal Co. - Coal Basin Mine. This set from Allison, New Mexico includes a $2 token and will be NM190 in the new Edkins Catalog.....Speaking of the new catalog, Bill Williams has talked with Don Edkins and reports that over 1,000 new items were reported when the proof pages were mailed out to several Scriptors for testing of the rarity values. Thus, a complete re-typing of the master copy will be necessary to include the new pieces... It now appears that it will be October in Oak Ridge or May in Oak Hill before Volume One of the new edition can be ready for distribution. Watch SCRIP TALK for complete info... Scriptor Ore H. Vacketta sent your Editor one of the Centennial Medals of his home town - Westville, Illinois. Ore designed the medal and it came in just as our Fayetteville Centennial Committee was making plans for our 100th Birthday with your Editor as Co-Chairman of the festivities. Got some real good ideas from Ore for the sale of our local medal and will have some notes in a future bulletin in event any of the NSCA members would like to acquire one. The obverse will feature a small coal mine scene with a mule pulling out a car of coal... Fayette County - at one time - had more coal mines than any other county in the United States and our town has coal mines underneath (or what is left of them). The reverse will picture our famous New River Gorge Bridge (world's longest steel arch bridge) - Indirect Firing (now in universal military use and first used here in the Civil War) and our Historic Register Court House built in 1895...Wendells of Minneapolis are minting the medals and I hope to have them by the end of June....Mail is being returned from the following members: Melvin Carmichael, Klamath Falls, Oregon -- Robin M. Ellis, San Antonio, Texas -- and J. Ray Vandal, Beckley, W.Va. If you have a current address on these three, please advise the Secretary....Scriptor Sue Dalton pens that she sold her scrip to Tom Hitt and is now working on a collection of coal mining lamps. She notes that she is still on the lookout for odds and ends....Your Editor is scheduled to have Mohawk Data computers installed in his office early in August by his insurance company (Nationwide of Columbus, Ohio). Don't know what the situation will be as yet but am hopeful that my scrip collection can be incorporated on disks and possibly the mailing list of NSCA can be worked into the deal.... Will know more about the situation after the system is installed. I know from the initial presentation that all of my files and other insurance records will be incorporated into the new system and that it will be hooked up with the Home Office by a private telephone line. Only regret that I did not have it about 20 years sooner !! *Scriptor Tom Hitt notes that Edkins KY1665 exists in only 14 sets and he lists the owners of the $225. fine bi-metal set in a recent bulletin*.....The story of coal that was provided by Scriptor Paul Jensen will be continued in this issue along with a series of other fine articles that have been submitted... Since we will be mailing the MEMBERSHIP ROSTER to all those who did not attend the Bluefield meeting, we will probably have one of the largest bulletins in the history of NSCA...Again, let me urge that you participate in the Mail Auction Sale in each issue of the bulletin. The proceeds from this helps to keep the bulletin coming your way. As will be noted, the membership voted to increase dues - effective July 1, 1983 - but this will still not cover all of the costs of publishing... Space is gone so more later !!

Bart

TREASURER'S REPORT

MAY 1, 1982 - MAY 1, 1983

Bank balance - Fayette Co. National Bank, Fayetteville, WV $ 1440.38

RECEIPTS:

Membership dues - Meeting Auction proceeds - 2986.34

DISBURSEMENTS:

1045.	Joe McHugh - Beckley program	50.00
1046.	W. Caldwell - Beckley hospitality room	36.25
1047.	Cardinal Industries - Balance NSCA caps	373.32
1048.	Terry Trantow - Lumber books	180.00
1049.	Gem State Specialists - Balance decals	146.31
1050.	R. H. Coburn - Paperweight die	40.00
1051.	Ann Dodrill - books	528.00
1052.	Toots Boyett - NSCA awards	106.50
1053.	Gentile Glass - Paperweights	202.80
1054.	Ramada Inn - Ky. meeting expense	19.20
1055.	Claude Travis - Ky. meeting expense	30.00
1056.	W. E. Williams - Ky. meeting tokens	35.00
1057.	W. Caldwell - 470 - '83 members @ $3.	1410.00
1058.	Tom Hitt - Edkins books	150.00
--	Returned check - membership	5.00
		3312.38

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SECRETARY'S REPORT:

A complete report will be presented by President Williams and will be recorded in the minutes as concerns the Membership Contest awards !!

My records indicate that current paid membership is 485. Thus, we are maintaining an approximate 500 members per year with the new members about equal to the dropouts.

The special articles on collecting coal and lumber tokens that were published in Collectors Illustraded magazine and in Numismatic News brought several responses and will result in additional members for NSCA. We still need, however, more response from the present members toward signing up their friends and known token collectors.

Your Secretary has a supply of membership brochures available for your distribution at flea markets, coin shows, etc. They do no good stacked in my office! If you would like a supply, please mail your request to the Secretary.

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Walter Caldwell, Secretary - Treasurer

hitting the high spots

by TOM HITT
PRESIDENT - NATIONAL SCRIP COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION
P. O. BOX 970
DEFIANCE, OHIO 43512

Well, here it is ..... the first message from your newly elected President... The Scrip Show at Bluefield had to be one of the best ever. The greatest 'round-up' of scrip and related items in the world !! According to Past President Bill Williams, over 155 collectors of some sorts attended the event. I want to thank each of you that attended and best wishes to you in your future collecting...

I have some plans for the future of NSCA and will gradually be releasing details on some of them. For now, I plan to interest many new members by entering different areas of collecting that have been neglected or overlooked in the past. Included in this would be scattertags - paper items (bonds, stocks and paper scrip) - lamps and related equipment - and pictorial scrip as well as exploder tokens!

To get the ball rolling in this direction, Paul Kouts has volunteered to write a few articles on COAL MINE LIGHTING and the first will appear in this issue of the bulletin. There are many lamp collectors that will become NSCA members if we can get interest rolling on lamps. Paul's articles should stimulate this interest.

One of my main goals will be to shorten the business meeting at the convention to less than one hour!! I am thinking about incorporating an AWARDS BREAKFAST and have the program at this time. Too, I want to have a meeting room assigned for all meetings.

In closing, I want to thank the membership for electing me as President and a special 'thanks' to the past officers who have promised to help me -- to the Janitor -- and especially to Bill Williams who has given every bit of advice that I can absorb. I'm "happier than a pig in mud!"....

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PRICES REALIZED NSCA SPECIAL AUCTION, BLUEFIELD, W. VA. April 29, 1983

* No Sale Due to Consignor's Use of Protective Bid

1/14.00; 2/14.00; 3/5.00; 4/7.00; 5/16.00; 6/15.00; 7/20.00; 8/19.00; 9/12.00; 10/8.00; 11/*; 12/10.00; 13/6.00; 14/9.00; 15/16.00; 16/16.00; 17/22.00; 18/31.00; 19/*; 20/*; 21/8.00; 22/6.00; 23/12.00; 24/4.00; 25/6.00; 26/11.00; 27/*; 28/25.00; 29/8.00; 30/10.00; 31/17.00; 32/56.00; 33/*; 34/40.00; 35/18.00; 36/*; 37/13.00; 38/56.00; 39/60.00; 40/46.00; 41/*; 42/21.00; 43/25.00; 44/55.00; 45/36.00; 46/25.00; 47/*; 48/*; 49/*; 50/*; 51/8.00; 52/7.00; 53/6.00; 54/11.00; 55/10.00; 56/5.00; 57/15.00; 58/35.00; 59/40.00; 60/20.00; 61/25.00; 62/30.00; 63/30.00; 64/25.00; 65/62.00; 66/25.00; 67/2.00; 68/50.00. Total Sales $1,204.00. NSCA Commission $280.80. To all Bidders and consignors - Many thanks for your participation.

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FOR SALE ::

PAPER COAL SCRIP COLLECTION
Numerous scarce and rare items and misc. interesting paper items in the collection !!

Paul Jensen
2472 Orchid Lane
Villa Hills, Kentucky 41017

MINE LIGHTING SECTION

Finally, a national organization for collectors of miner's lamps is a reality. At the request of NSCA president Tom Hitt, several collectors have formed an interest group within the National Scrip Collectors Association.

The inter-relationship of collecting mine scrip and mine lamps has been evident for some years and now the association hopes to broaden its members knowledge in the area of mine lighting devices. With the formation of a "Mine Lighting Section", the NSCA offers the full benifits of its established organiztion, semi-annual conventions, and a regular publication - "Scrip Talk". Paul L. Kouts has been recruited as a contributing editor for carbide and oil-wick lamps and each issue will have articles dedicated to mine lights. Some feature articles on specific lamps and short pieces about lamps in general.

Membership in NSCA is open to all and lamp collectors should find this a good opportunity to grow with their hobby. At the spring '83 meeting in Bluefield, over 60 lamps were counted in stock for either trade or sale. Items exchanged, included: a Davy lamp, Justrite #10 lantern, AUTO-LITEs, JUSTRITEs, XRAY, GEE-BEE, FORCE FEED, MAUMEE DUPLEX, NORLEIGH DIAMOND, UMW oil wicks, GRIER BROS oil wicks, FROSTBURG, and many other lamp accessories. Information exchange at the meeting was also excellant, Bob Gates identified a previously unknown carbide lamp named the "MASCOUTAH" and scriptor Mark Ballard related facts about the manufacturer of the SCOBY patent lamp as obtained from an extant family member.

In the past, such informational exchanges were limited to a collector's newsletter published by Henry Pohs of Denver or to word of mouth between collectors. Pohs' authoritative work "Early Underground Mine Lamps" was published in 1974 and is now out-of-print. A series of booklets on carbide and oil-wick cap lamps is being published by Kouts and become available periodically. Other publications have been almost non-existant with only occasional articles having limited research.

The "Mine Lighting Section" hopes to improve the amount of information available about lamps but will need a lot of help to grow out of its infancy. If you have information, questions, lamps for trade/sale/wanted you can use the "Scrip Talk" to reach other collectors. Write to:

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Staffordsville, Va.
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